

Service of Process **Transmittal**

04/04/2019

CT Log Number 535227520

TO:

KATHLEEN LOPILATO

AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY

6101 ANACAPRI BLVD LANSING, MI 48917-3999

RE:

Process Served in Tennessee

FOR:

Auto-Owners Insurance Company (Domestic State: MI)

ENCLOSED ARE COPIES OF LEGAL PROCESS RECEIVED BY THE STATUTORY AGENT OF THE ABOVE COMPANY AS FOLLOWS:

TITLE OF ACTION:

Lakeway Autosales, Inc., Pltf. vs. Auto-Owners Insurance Company, Dft.

DOCUMENT(S) SERVED:

Letter, Civil Summons, Complaint, Exhibit(s)

COURT/AGENCY:

Hamblen County Chancery Court, TN

Case # 2019CV86

NATURE OF ACTION:

Insurance Litigation

ON WHOM PROCESS WAS SERVED:

C T Corporation System, Knoxville, TN

DATE AND HOUR OF SERVICE:

By Certified Mail on 04/04/2019 postmarked on 04/02/2019

JURISDICTION SERVED:

APPEARANCE OR ANSWER DUE:

Within 30 days from the date this summons is served upon you (Document(s) may

contain additional answer dates)

ATTORNEY(S) / SENDER(S):

Jeffrey C. Taylor

Taylor Law Firm 365 West Third North Street

P.O. Box 2004 Morristown, TN 37814-2004

(423)586-6812

REMARKS:

Documents were served upon the Tennessee Department of Insurance on March 22,

2019 and forwarded to CT Corporation.

ACTION ITEMS:

CT has retained the current log, Retain Date: 04/04/2019, Expected Purge Date:

04/09/2019

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Email Notification, KATHLEEN LOPILATO lopilato.kathleen@aoins.com

Email Notification, Lance Arnott SOPVerification@wolterskluwer.com

SIGNED: ADDRESS:

C T Corporation System 300 Montvue RD

Knoxville, TN 37919-5546

TELEPHONE:

312-345-4336

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STATE OF TENNESSEE Department of Commerce and Insurance 500 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243-1131 PH - 615.532.5260, FX - 615.532.2788 Jerald.E.Gilbert@tn.gov

March 22, 2019

Auto Owners Insurance Company 300 Montvue Rd, % C T Corp. Knoxville, TN 37919-5546 NAIC # 18988

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Re: Lakeway Auto Sales, Inc. V. Auto Owners Insurance Company

Docket # 2019-CV-86

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 56-2-504 or § 56-2-506, the Department of Commerce and Insurance was served March 12, 2019, on your behalf in connection with the above-styled proceeding. Documentation relating to the subject is herein enclosed.

Jerald E. Gilbert Designated Agent Service of Process

Enclosures

cc: Circuit Court Clerk
Sevier County
125 Court Avenue, Ste 204E
Sevierville, Tn 37862

Hamblen County Chancery Court Katherine Jones-Terry, Clerk 511 West 2nd North Street Morristown, TN 37814 (423) 586-9112

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Case Number 2019-CV-86

Lakeway Auto Sales, Inc.

vs. Auto-Owners Insurance Company

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR HAMBLEN COUNTY, TENNESSEE AT MORRISTOWN

Defendant.	fEB 27 2019
)
AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY) FILED CHANCERY COURT CLERK
v.) No.: 2019-CV-86
Plaintiff,)
LAKEWAY AUTO SALES, INC.,)

Comes the Plaintiff, Lakeway Auto Sales, Inc., by and through counsel, and for Complaint against the Defendant, Auto-Owners Insurance, would state as follows:

- Plaintiff, Lakeway Auto Sales, Inc., is a Tennessee corporation, with its 1. primary place of business in Hamblen County, Tennessee.
- Defendant, Auto-Owners Insurance, is an insurance company authorized and 2. licensed to do business in the State of Tennessee, and said Defendant may be served through the Department of Commerce and Insurance, Attn: Service of Process, 500 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee 37243.
- On July 9, 2018, Plaintiff owned, possessed, and controlled a 2012 GMC 3. Yukon vehicle. At all times material hereto, Plaintiff's vehicle's last known location was in a parking lot in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Plaintiff had recently purchased and took possession of the 2012 GMC Yukon at a CarMax auction. Immediately after purchasing the 2012 GMC Yukon at auction, Plaintiff, through its agent, took ownership and sole possession of said vehicle and parked the vehicle in a parking lot separate and apart from the

CarMax fenced in auction property. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a copy of the receipt provided to Plaintiff, upon Plaintiff's purchase of said vehicle.

- 4. At all times material hereto, Plaintiff had procured and had in place Garage Liability and Dealer's Blanket Insurance coverage through Defendant, specifically Policy Number 43-74458-00 that Plaintiff had purchased through Defendant's agents, Bible Insurance Agency, Inc. (the "Policy") in Hamblen County, Tennessee. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a copy of the Declaration Page of the aforementioned Policy, evidencing its coverage period and applicability herein.
- 5. Prior to Plaintiff's purchase of said Policy, Plaintiff disclosed to Defendant's agent that it routinely purchased vehicles, such as the 2012 GMC Yukon from automobile auctions.
- 6. Prior to the July 9, 2018 loss of the 2012 GMC Yukon vehicle, Defendant had accepted coverage for Plaintiff's previous losses sustained to vehicles purchased at auctions and parked at adjacent parking lots.
- 7. On July 9, 2018, the aforementioned 2012 GMC Yukon was stolen or otherwise taken from the location Plaintiff's agent parked the vehicle, without the knowledge or authorization of Plaintiff. To date, Plaintiff has not recovered the 2012 GMC Yukon.
- 8. The 2012 GMC Yukon in issue had a retail value of \$25,650.00 and Plaintiff intended to price the vehicle at \$24,900.00.
- 9. Subsequent to July 9, 2018, Plaintiff timely reported to Defendant's agent,
 Bible Insurance Agency, Inc., in Hamblen County, Tennessee, the loss of the 2012 GMC

 Yukon and made a claim for the loss of the vehicle.

- 10. Plaintiff received a letter dated November 30, 2018 from Defendant, denying Plaintiff's claim regarding the stolen or missing 2012 GMC Yukon vehicle. Defendant's reason for denying insurance coverage was, "we do not <u>feel</u> coverage would apply as the Yukon was in possession of another dealer or auction." The November 30, 2018 letter is attached hereto as Exhibit C.
- 11. Thereafter, Plaintiff tried unsuccessfully to persuade Defendant to reverse its position and honor its contract of insurance. On February 14, 2019, for example, Plaintiff caused a letter to be sent via certified mail to Defendant, which set forth specific facts showing Plaintiff did have full ownership and had taken sole possession and did solely possess the 2012 GMC Yukon in issue at the time of the loss, as opposed to "another dealer or auction." The Defendant accepted service of the letter on February 19, 2019. A copy of the February 14, 2019 letter is attached hereto as Exhibit D and a copy of the USPS Tracking information is attached hereto as Exhibit E.
- 12. Plaintiff's February 14, 2019 letter specifically addressed Plaintiff's purported basis for denying coverage of its loss and explained that Defendant's denial position was without merit.
 - 13. Defendant has never accepted Plaintiff's claim set forth herein.
 - 14. Plaintiff has suffered substantial loss because of Defendant's actions.
- 15. Upon information and belief, although Defendant has historically accepted this Plaintiff's claims for losses identical to the loss set forth above, it is understood and alleged that Defendant has unreasonably denied coverage of Plaintiff's aforementioned claim; and that Defendant routinely unreasonably denies coverage to its policy holders for valid claims as a general business practice.

First Claim for Relief .

Breach of Contract

- 16. The allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 15 are hereby incorporated by reference.
 - 17. Plaintiff purchased the 2012 GMC Yukon for a valuable consideration.
- 18. Upon Plaintiff's purchase of the 2012 GMC Yukon, Plaintiff took immediate ownership and right of exclusive possession of the 2012 GMC Yukon in issue. Such right of exclusive possession constitutes an insurable interest in the 2012 GMC Yukon under well-settled Tennessee law, and the enforceable contract of insurance applicable to this loss.
- 19. Plaintiff and Defendant entered into an enforceable contract of insurance in Hamblen County, Tennessee, for insurance covering loss of the 2012 GMC Yukon vehicle. Defendant, through its agent, had knowledge of the nature of Plaintiff's insurable interest and its practice of purchasing vehicles such as the 2012 GMC Yukon at auctions, prior to issuance of the Policy, and prior to the aforementioned loss.
 - 20. Plaintiff suffered a loss as a result of the stolen or taken 2012 GMC Yukon.
- 21. Defendant breached the contract by refusing to accept, pay and settle Plaintiff's claim set forth herein.

Second Claim for Relief

Bad Faith Failure to Pay Promptly

- 22. The allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 21 are hereby incorporated by reference.
 - 23. Plaintiff suffered a loss on July 9, 2018.

- 24. Defendant refused to pay the loss within sixty (60) days after a demand was made by Plaintiff.
- 25. Defendant's refusal to pay the loss was not in good faith and the failure to pay inflicted additional expense, loss and injury including attorneys' fees upon Plaintiff.
 - 26. As a result, Defendant is liable to Plaintiff under T.C.A. § 56-7-105.

Third Claim for Relief

Violation of Tennessee Unfair Trade Practices and Unfair Claims Settlement Act of 2009

- 27. The allegations set forth in Paragraph's 1 through 26 are hereby incorporated by reference.
- 28. Because Defendant is aware that Tennessee law recognizes Plaintiff's insurable interest in the 2012 GMC Yukon and that the Policy constitutes an enforceable contract of insurance, Defendant's refusal to settle Plaintiff's claim on the basis that Plaintiff had no insurable interest in said property makes such refusal to settle not in good faith, a violation of T.C.A. § 56-8-101, et seq.

Prayer For Relief

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for the following relief:

- A. That the Court declare Defendant's actions complained of in this Complaint are unlawful as alleged; and,
- B. That the Court award Plaintiff compensatory and punitive damages, all in amounts to be proven at trial; and,
- C. That the Court order Defendant to pay Plaintiff's costs, expenses and reasonable attorneys' fees in connection with this action; and,

D. That the Court grants such other and further legal and equitable relief to the Plaintiff as the Court deems just and proper.

This the 277 day of February, 2019.

LAKEWAY AUTO SALES, INC. Plaintiff

Jeffrey C. Taylor, Esq. (BPR #013436)

TAYLOR LAW FIRM

365 West Third North Street

P.O. Box 2004

Morristown, TN 37814-2004

(423) 586-6812

jeff@taylorlawfirmtn.com

Attorney for Plaintiff

COST BOND

We hereby acknowledge ourselves as sureties for the cost of this cause for all costs, taxes and damages in accordance with T.C.A. § 20-12-120.

TAYLOR Law Firm

Bv:

Jeffrey C. Tuylor, Esq.

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WHOLESALE VEHICLE PURCHASE AGREEMENT

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INSURANCE COMPANY 6101 ANACAPRI BLVD., LANSING, MI 48917-3999 TAILORED PROTECTION POLICY DECLARATIONS PREMIER GARAGE

Endorsement Effective 06-13-2018

BIBLE INSURANCE AGENCY INC AGENCY

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POLICY NUMBER Company Use

43-744-582-00

LAKEWAY AUTO SALES INC INSURED

Company

03-46-TN-0206

ADDRESS

3017 W ANDREW JOHNSON HWY MORRISTOWN TN 37814-3614

POLICY TERM Bill 12:01 a.m.

12:01 a.m. to 06-13-2018 06-13-2019

This policy is aganded in consideration of the additional or return premium shown below. This Declarations voids and replaces all proviously issued Daclarations bearing the same policy number and premium term.

THIS POLICY CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING COVERAGE PART(S).

THIS PREMIUM MAY BE SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT.

PREMIUM

GARAGE LIABILITY COVERAGE DEALER'S BLANKET COVERAGE

\$11,119.38 \$16,875.97

TOTAL

\$27,995.35



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CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT

REGULAR MAIL

November 30, 2018

Lakeway Auto Sales Inc. 3017 W Andrew Johnson Hwy Morristown, TN 37814-3614

RE:

Claim No:

300-0350651-2018

Policy No:

43-74458-00 Date of Loss: 07/09/2018

Subject:

Coverage Position Letter

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

You have made a claim with Owners Insurance Company Garage Liability and Dealer's Blanket policy number 43-744582-00 regarding a stolen or missing GMC Yukon.

The purpose of this letter is to reserve all rights under your policy and to inform you that there are questions regarding coverage. Specifically, the coverage is excluded in your Garage Liability and Dealer's Blanket policy.

It is my understanding that Lakeway Auto Sales purchased a 2012 GMC Yukon from Carmax on July 9, 2018. The vehicle was to be delivered to Morristown, TN and never showed up. The purchase was made and keys were supposedly put into a secured locker along with a set for a unrelated BMW. Upon review of inventory it had been noticed the Yukon and keys are not at Lakeway Auto Sales or Carmax.

Your Garage Liability and Dealer's Blanket policy does not cover the claims made; as the coverage is specifically excluded. I have included the following policy language for your review.

INSURING AGREEMENT

The attached Declarations describe the Coverages and Limits of Insurance for which you have paid a premium. In reliance upon your statements on the Declarations and application(s), we agree to provide insurance subject to all terms and conditions of this policy. Each coverage described in this policy applies if a limit of insurance or a premium is shown in the Declarations for that coverage. In return, you must pay the premium and comply with all terms and conditions of this policy.

SECTION I DEFINITIONS

To understand this policy, you must understand the meaning of the following words. These words appear in bold face type whenever used in this policy and attached amendatory forms.

2. Automobile means a land motor vehicle, trailer or farm implement. Automobile includes equipment permanently included in or upon such automobile.

- 9. We, us or our means the Company providing the insurance.
- **10. You** or **your** means the named insured shown in the Declarations and if an individual, **your** spouse who resides in the same household.

SECTION I - PHYSICAL DAMAGE

A. COVERAGE

2. Comprehensive Coverage

- a. We shall pay for direct physical loss of or direct physical damage to covered property to which this insurance applies resulting from any cause except upset or collision with another object or with a vehicle to which it is attached.
- b. We shall pay for glass breakage to covered property from any cause, including collision.

B. EXCLUSIONS

We do not cover under this insurance any of the following, whether or not any other cause or event contributed concurrently or in any sequence to the loss:

- 4. loss to any automobile, watercraft or camper body:
- c. in the possession of another dealer or auction under any circumstances unless the automobile, watercraft or camper body is in the possession of another dealer for repair.

Under the above noted policy language, we do not feel coverage would apply as the Yukon was in possession of another dealer or auction.

This correspondence is not intended to be an exhaustive statement of Owners' position concerning its coverages under its policy issued to the insured. Owners' coverage impressions are based on the Complaint, the policy, the information you have provided, and Owners' investigation. If you disagree, if there is any additional information that you believe to be relevant to the question of coverage, or if you believe that the information upon which Owners has relied is not accurate, please advise us of that and forward the additional relevant information that you believe we should review. If the Complaint is amended, or if the situation changes in such a way that you believe that it may come within the scope of the policy, Owners will review any additional information documenting the changes.

All rights, terms, conditions and exclusions in your policy are in full force and effect and are completely reserved.

Sincerely,

Auto-Owners Insurance Company

Justin Rosa

Branch Claims Representative knoxville.clm@aoins.com

Justin Rosa-

Ext. 58486

JR

TAYLOR LAW FIRM

 February 14, 2019 VIA CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT 7015 3010 0002 2856 0767

Auto-Owners Insurance ATTN: Justin Rosa, Branch Claims Representative 2035 Lakeside Centre Way, Ste. 210 Knoxville, Tennessee 37922

Re: Insured: Lakeway Auto Sales, Inc.

Morristown, Tennessee

Claim No.:

300-0350651-2018

Policy No.:

43-74458-00 Date of Loss: 07/09/2018

Subject:

Request for Reconsideration of Denial of Claim

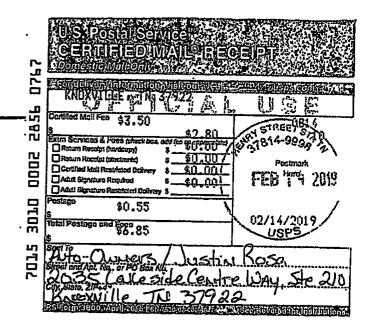
Dear Mr. Rosa:

I have been retained by Lakeway Auto Sales, Inc., the above referenced insured with respect to Auto-Owners Insurance's decision to deny insurance coverage relative to the property loss of my client's 2012 GMC Yukon, described in your November 30, 2018 letter to my client. The basis of Auto-Owners Insurance's denial is based upon Exclusion provision found in Section I -Physical Damage, B. 4. c. "in the possession of another dealer or auction under any circumstances unless the automobile ... is in the possession of another dealer for repair." You specifically note in your denial letter, "we do not feel coverage would apply as the Yukon was in possession of another dealer or auction."

Additionally, in addition to your November 30, 2018 letter, I have reviewed Lakeway Auto Sales, Inc.'s contract of insurance with Auto-Owners Insurance, Policy Term 06-13-2018 to 06-13-19, a Garage Liability and Dealer's Blanket insurance policy. I adamantly disagree with the basis of Auto-Owners Insurance's denial of coverage for the complete loss of my client's 2012 GMC Yukon.

Initially, it is uncontested that the above referenced insurance policy provides Lakeway Auto Sales, Inc. with coverage of automobiles. See Definitions Section of Policy. It should also be

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uncontested that the above referenced insurance policy insures my client for direct physical loss of its automobiles that are located on a parking lot, public or privately owned, as long as the automobiles are not "in the possession of another dealer or auction."

Lakeway Auto Sales, Inc. provided you with a nine-bullet point procedure it follows in purchasing vehicles at a CarMax auction. The procedures provided clearly show that once my client's Buyer (Lakeway's Agent- referred to as "Buyer") purchases the vehicle, such as the 2012 GMC Yukon in issue, Lakeway Auto takes immediate possession and ownership of the vehicle. The Buyer immediately removes (required to remove) the purchased vehicle from the CarMax auction fenced property and parks the vehicle on property separate and apart from the fenced in auction property. At that time the auction has no possession, access or control over Lakeway's vehicle.

It is clear that with respect to my client's 2012 GMC Yukon, no other "dealer" is involved with the Yukon vehicle. My client further represented to Auto-Owners Insurance that once the buyer purchased the Yukon, drove it away from the auction, parked it outside of the auction's fenced in property, the vehicle could no longer be returned to the auction, the auction assumed no further responsibility, the auction maintained no insurance pertaining to the Yukon. As the aforementioned procedure was followed, once my client's buyer purchased the 2012 GMC Yukon away from the auction and the Buyer took full and total possession of the Yukon, by contract, my client's Yukon became subject to the above referenced insurance policy.

I do note in your November 30, 2018 letter that you acknowledged that your initial denial was not intended to be an exhaustive statement and that additional information would be considered regarding the question of coverage. The purpose of this correspondence is to demand Auto-Owners Insurance accept responsibility for the loss of my client's 2012 GMC Yukon, which occurred July 9, 2018. The retail price of the 2012 GMC Yukon was \$25,650.00. The Yukon was to be priced at \$24,900.00. Accordingly, my client respectfully demands payment for the loss of the 2012 GMC Yukon in the amount of \$24,900.00.

Pursuant to the terms of the above referenced insurance policy, Lakeway Auto Sales, Inc. has fully complied with all terms of the insurance policy in its effort to seek coverage and payment from Auto-Owners Insurance. Although my client has one year from the July 9, 2018 loss of the Yukon to file legal action, should Auto-Owners Insurance fail to accept coverage as demanded in this letter within ten (10) days of your receipt, I will file the appropriate legal action for breach of contract naming all available parties, including, but not limited to, Auto-Owners Insurance.

As the local insurance agency, Bible Insurance Agency, Inc., can advise you, Lakeway Auto Sales, Inc. has experienced two identical claims as the current claim, both of which were covered and paid by Auto-Owners Insurance under the policy in issue. One such property loss involved a stolen car and the other a flood. Both of those losses occurred at parking lots owned by and adjacent to CarMax fenced in auction property. Auto-Owners Insurance made no reference to exclusion language in its review and payment of those claims. In addition to this correspondence, it is my understanding that Lakeway Auto Sales, Inc. has given Auto-Owners

Insurance several opportunities to consider and accept this claim — it has refused to do so. Accordingly, based on the previous identical claims made by my client, in addition to the clear and undisputed facts of this claim, pursuant to *Tennessee Code Annotated* § 56-7-105, in addition to the property loss of \$24,900.00, my client will be seeking penalty in the sum of twenty-five percent (25%) on the liability for such loss along with its expenses, court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred as a result of the Bad Faith refusal to pay this claim.

Please direct any future communications regarding this claim directly to my attention. I look forward to hearing from you, on or before the above stated deadline. Please be assured that Auto-Owners Insurance's failure to contact me prior to the above stated deadline will result in my client's filing of legal action, without further notice.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey C. Taylor

JCT/km

Cc: Bible Insurance Agency, Inc.

P.O. Box 1177

Morristown, Tennessee 37816

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